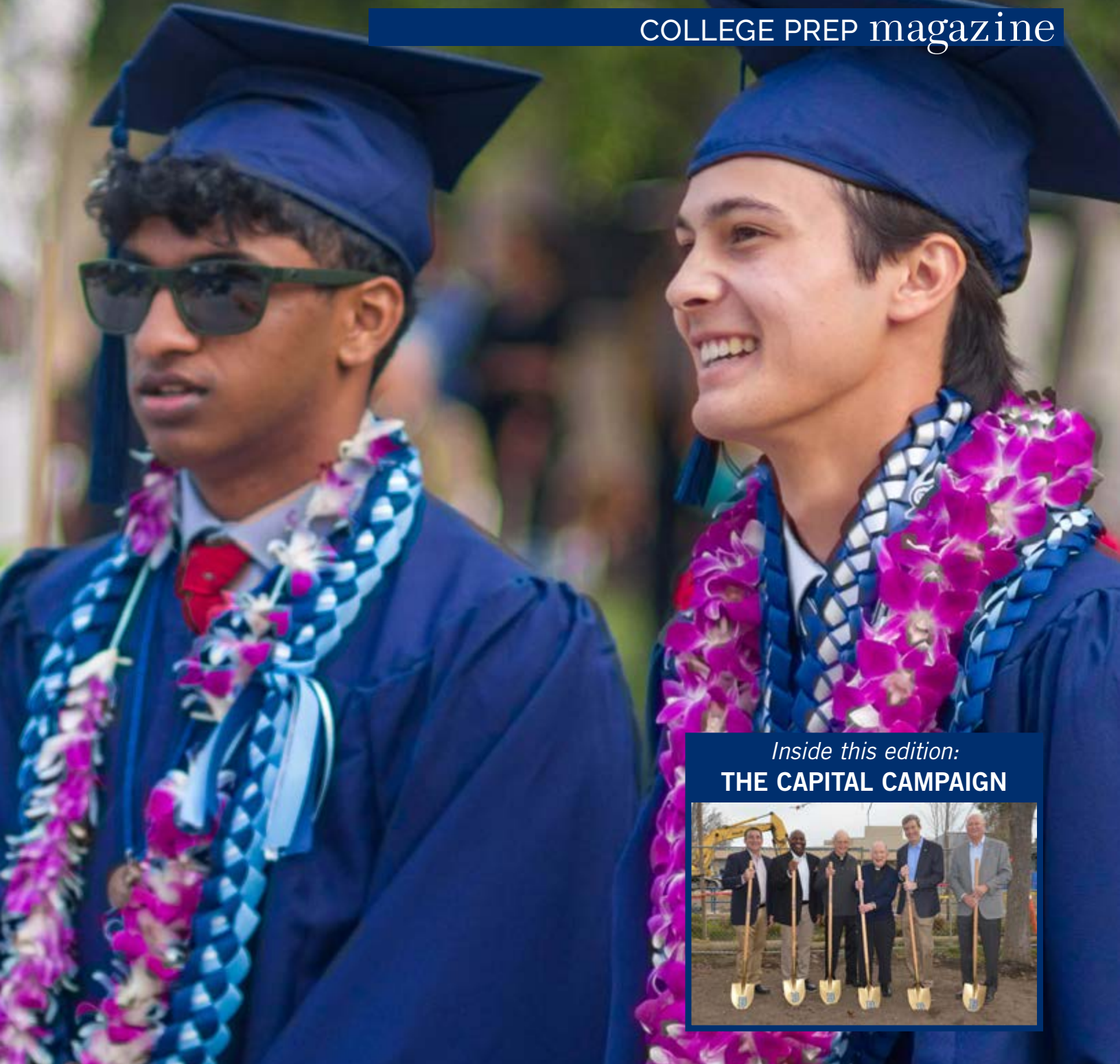


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## Message from the President

During our recent BellsGive day on May 8, when we celebrated Bellarmine's founding 173 years ago, our theme was "Building Together." We are indeed building something together here right now on campus. And it's much more than the Wade Family Academic Center, which is taking clearer shape by the day as we anxiously await the opening of that building just about one year from now.

It's also more than the amazing things being built by our students – like this year's FRC robot that took second at the World Championships in April. It's more than the incredible creations coming out of our Maker Lab, including a prosthetic hand for the son of a Bellarmine graduate, batteries to light and heat the cars of people living in their vehicles, and so much more.

It's even more than the strength, skill, and character that are developed in our academic classes and our co-curricular endeavors. Our speech and debate team captured the State Championship for the third consecutive year in 2024, even after a rule change made that feat a much harder task for our team. Our athletes ran, swam, jumped, threw, spiked, hit, and kicked their way to some great heights this season, winning tournament, league, and section championships along the way. And they learned hard lessons, too, when the end results were not the ones they were hoping for.

What has been building for me most meaningfully throughout this year has been a profound and deep sense of hope. I'm blessed to teach a senior English class, and so I get to know a good number of the members of our graduating class pretty well. This class had the misfortune of starting at Bellarmine during the height of the pandemic – so they did not have freshman orientation, did not get to meet with their Big Brothers in person, and mostly got to know classmates online their freshman year. So, you couldn't blame the class of 2024 if they somehow did not coalesce like classes before them have.

But what I see in this class is something truly remarkable. They are deep thinkers. They are hard workers. They care deeply about the challenges of this world, and they work both hard and creatively to try to address those problems. And they care deeply about one another. They are an exceptional class of wonderful people, and we will miss them dearly.

So yes – many things are under construction this year. But the most important thing remains the young people with whom we work, and the chance we get to help mold them into Men for and With Others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Meyercord".

Chris Meyercord '88  
President

# Bellarmino College Prep Magazine **Summer 2024**

## Editor's Note

The summer season is somewhat bittersweet for those of us who are privileged to be involved in academia. While this is a time of renewal and respite for many faculty and staff members, we also certainly miss the students who make our ministry of education possible. We especially miss our most recent graduates — now our newest alumni — who answer the call of St. Ignatius to “Go forth and set the world on fire!”

In the Office of Advancement, this is also an exciting time for looking ahead, for planning, for making and completing those “To Do” lists and, in the spirit of magis, for seeking ways to improve and advance opportunities for our students. There is much to celebrate as we continue our Capital Campaign: Legacy, Inspiration, Innovation and secure the funding that will result in much needed campus enhancements, the cornerstone of which is the new Wade Academic Center scheduled for opening in fall 2025. We are grateful to the many generous benefactors who have supported the Campaign to date, and we encourage everyone to contribute to its success (details at [www.bcp.org/capitalcampaign](http://www.bcp.org/capitalcampaign) and on page 14 of this issue).

Bellarmino College Prep is a very special place filled with very special people. Its uniqueness and goodness are reinforced by the sentiments expressed by many of our faculty and staff who have retired this year, reflections which are shared in this edition of our publication. There is much to be thankful for, and unlimited possibilities on the horizon.

Indeed, as we look forward to unknown blessings already on their way, we thank you for the blessing you are to the Bellarmino community.

Warm regards,



Brian Adams  
Vice President  
Office of Advancement

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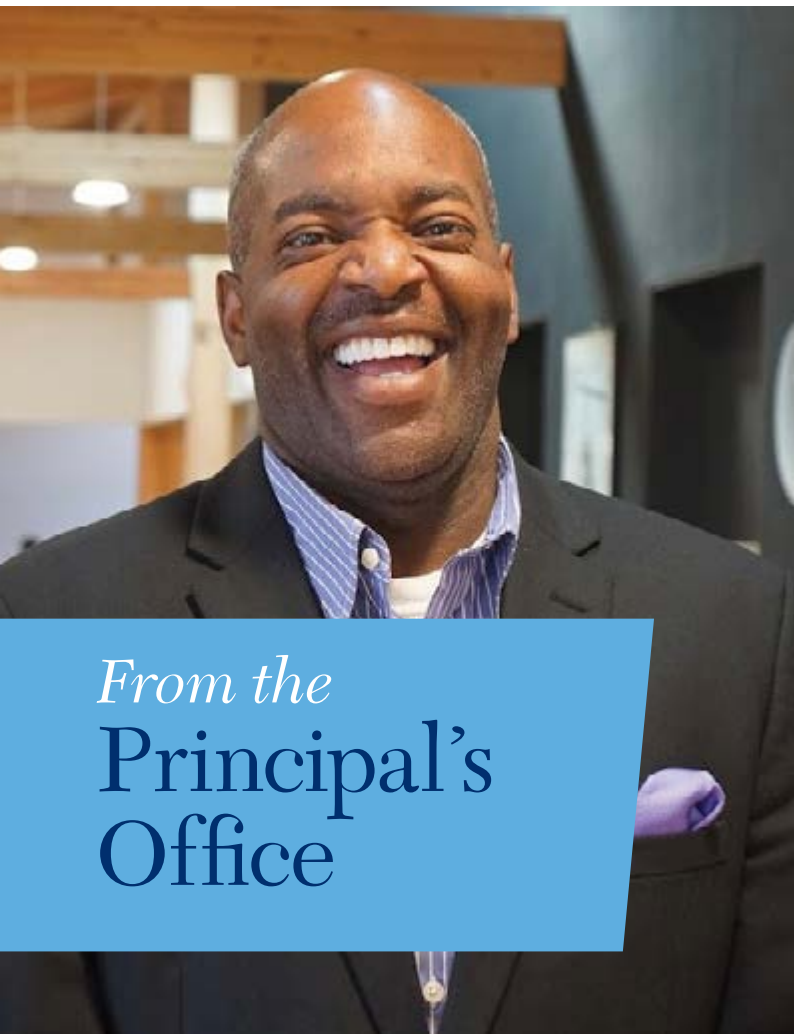
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Rohit Vakkalagadda '24 and Nate Scott '24  
prepare to address their graduating class.  
(photo by Terry Yu)



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In my inaugural years, I have always tried my best to embrace and fully immerse myself into the ethos of a community. My initial years as a student at Father Ryan High School or Morehouse College, or as the founding Head of School in Japan, have proven to be rewarding. Of course, there were challenges and occasional thoughts of skepticism, but at the end of year, I chalked up each one as successful. Subsequently, when I arrived on Bellarmine's campus in July 2023, I was confident this year would be similar. However, after my first day on campus, I knew this would be an experience like no other.

From the first day I set foot on the Bellarmine campus, I have been greeted with the utmost gratitude, respect, and appreciation. In fact, the extent to which this generosity has been extended to me and my family goes beyond the call of duty. From the chalk board message in my office written by several students – Welcome Mr. Jemison – to the applause at the Fashion Show, to a festive greeting at the Dads' Club and the AMEN Reception gathering, or simply walking down the streets of Willow Glen to the chants of "Go Bells!", people have always welcomed me to Bellarmine.

Most of all, it has been the students and my interactions with them that have proven to be the most hospitable. From being asked to say a few words at the opening Spirit Rally, to attending co-curricular events, as well as seeing them in their classes, the students embraced me as an authentic Bell. As I reflect on my first year, there are two significant events that make this the most gratifying professional experience in my more than 25 years in education.



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With little doubt, attending Kairos #165 was one of the highlights of the year for me – reengaging in my spiritual growth as well as spending quality time with the boys, was rewarding and inspiring. Kairos gave me clarity on the Ignatian vision of men and women for and with others, that we must see God in all things, and we have a greater calling that goes beyond ourselves. And while I was assigned as an “adult leader” to support the boys, what I found most enriching was the boys were leading me. Our shared narratives allowed us to see the humanity in each other as well as understanding that God has a plan for each one of us.

Another pivotal moment for me this year was the opportunity to shadow students. Suggested by our faculty as a way for me to better understand the student experience, I selected four students to spend a day with and understand Bellarmine from their perspective. My visits with the students were inspiring and made me realize how much they think of Bellarmine as their HOME, and when they use the term brotherhood, they are referring to their FAMILY. I was amazed at the diverse friendships, the intimate relationships with their teachers, the discipline at which they approached their academic work, as well as their ability to navigate through our campus (I kept thinking to myself, this is a BIG place).

However, what impressed me the most was that each student I spent time with was truly happy on our campus. The authentic smiles, laughter, and joy of being at Bellarmine and being a Bell was something each of them chose to do, and they appreciated all that came with it. In fact, when I asked one student, what would you change about Bellarmine, he responded, “nothing!”

I quickly remarked, “That can’t be true? There is no need to impress me; it’s fine, just tell me something.” He concluded: “Of course, Bellarmine is not perfect, but it is a place where the teachers are dependable and trustworthy. I can be myself, and ultimately, that is all that matters. I am happy here!”

While I highlight these two aspects of my first year, I certainly have more experiences that have made an impact on me both professionally and personally. Without a doubt, my interactions with our world class faculty, conversations with our dedicated and passionate staff members, social events with so many Bellarmine parents who are actively involved, and an alumni base that is loyal, committed, and passionate about the school are just a few additional areas that stood out this year.

Everyone at Bellarmine has made a profound impact on my life. As I remove the words “new” and “honeymoon” in my second year, I am confident that I will continue to grow spiritually and have more opportunities to interact with the Bellarmine community.

On second thought, can honeymoons last a lifetime? At Bellarmine, I think they have a chance!!!

Go Bells!



Mr. Rod Jemison  
Principal



Mr. Jemison with Arthur Tu '25, Riley Morello '24, James Weaver '27 during his Student Shadow experiences.





High School Speech Association (CHSSA) State Championship held April 12-14 at Clovis North High School near Fresno.

Following the State tournament, more than 20 Bells traveled to Lexington, Kentucky, on April 19 to compete in the Tournament of Champions (TOC), where Rohan Lingam '24 received the Julia Burke Award, voted on by all of the coaches and competitors in policy debate across the country for the student who best embodies a commitment to helping others, love and respect for the policy debate community, and dedication to maintaining friendships and inclusivity despite the pressures of competition.

According to Aaron Langerman '11, Bellarmine's head Speech and Debate coach, the margin between Bellarmine's team and the second-place school at the Nationals was the largest it has ever been as the Bells catapulted past every one of their previous records. "In 2022, we won Nationals with 152 sweepstakes points," noted Langerman. "In 2023, we won with 162 points. This year, with 29 students making it deep into elimination rounds, we nearly doubled those totals with 308 points!" Members of the Class of 2024 had an impressive showing, as every senior who competed at Nationals made it to either semifinals or finals in their events.

At the Nationals, in addition to the coaches and three parent volunteers, Bellarmine had four young alumni assist with judging and coaching: Ram Gorthi '22, Akhil Iyengar '22, Ben Manens '22, and Nimai Talur '22. Congratulations to all the Speech and Debate team members, and their coaches: Aaron Langerman '11, DeeDee Sullivan, Xavier Liu '17, Matt DeLateur '12, Vern Cleary, Tyler Vergho '19, and Adarsh Hiremath '21.

## Speech & Debate National & State Champions

### ***Bellarmino Speech and Debate Secures Fourth Consecutive National Championship and Third Consecutive State Championship***

For the fourth year in a row, Bellarmine College Preparatory Speech and Debate is the top team in the nation with total sweepstakes points at the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) Nationals tournament and has earned the School of Outstanding Distinction Award. The Greater Des Moines Nationals took place June 16-21. This stellar achievement occurred on the heels of the team earning its third consecutive California

## Bellarmino Welcomes Visitors from Japan

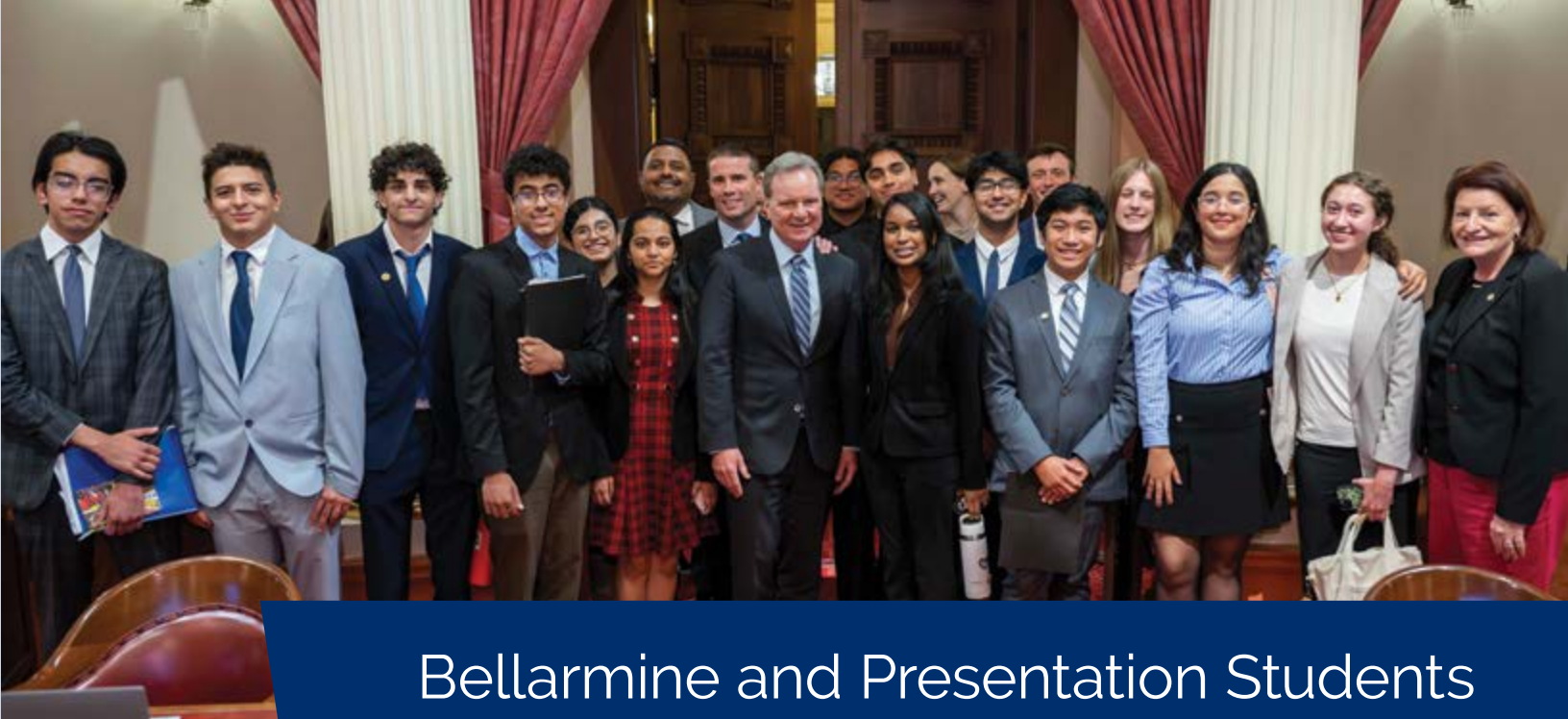
During the week of March 25, Bellarmine hosted 15 students and two teachers from Hiroshima Gakuin Secondary School in Hiroshima, Japan. This was a follow-up to a one-day visit made in March 2023 by Hiroshima Gakuin representatives.

According to Cora Antonio, assistant director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (DEIB) and Religious Studies teacher, the visiting students enjoyed an immersive experience as they attended a variety of classes and co-curricular activities, including a visit to the Robotics Lab, the Maker Lab, theater classes, Courageous Conversations (sponsored by DEIB), Affinity Group meetings, and three athletic events (track, lacrosse, and baseball).

The visitors were escorted during the week by Bellarmine student Global Ambassadors who had been in education and training sessions for several weeks. The week concluded with the blessing of a Cherry Blossom Tree as a symbol of friendship between the two schools and the prospects of continued exchange programs.







## Bellarmino and Presentation Students Recognized by California State Senate



A group of students from Bellarmine College Prep and Presentation High School were recognized by the California State Senate during a ceremony held at the State Capitol Chamber in Sacramento on April 15.

The recognition is the result of the Bellarmine Advocacy Project and the Bells' partnership with Presentation High School in advocacy and policy work.

"Throughout our collaboration, the dedication, passion, and professionalism exhibited by the students have been truly commendable," noted Manny Cárdenas, Bellarmine's assistant director of Christian Service for Justice and Advocacy. "Their commitment to effecting positive change and their ability to navigate complex policy issues with maturity and insight have been inspiring to witness."



In his remarks at the State Capital, Senator Dave Cortese of San Jose, a Bellarmine alumnus from the Class of 1974, praised the students for their advocacy, especially related to matters of mental health among youth. "These students are passionate, critical thinkers, and I'm inspired by their initiative," he said.

"From conducting research to engaging with stakeholders, the students have demonstrated exceptional initiative and leadership in advocating for meaningful policy reforms," noted Mr. Cárdenas. "Their collaborative spirit and willingness to tackle challenging issues reflect not only their intellectual capabilities but also their deep sense of social responsibility."





*At Bellarmine, we are blessed to have a community filled with diversity. From the multitude of faith traditions and cultures to student-athletes, robotics experts and avid debaters, our differences not only define, but empower us.*

*Chase Gavin '24,  
Ignatious Loyola Award Recipient*







# BACCALAUREATE & GRADUATION

*Congratulations Class of 2024!*





# CLASS OF 2024 Major Award Recipients

## Cardinal Bellarmine Award

Named for the patron of our school, St. Robert Bellarmine, our most prestigious award is presented to that student who has personally incorporated the school's values of faith, service, and leadership, as well as a passion for justice, in every area of contribution to the school's life.

**Nate Scott**

## Valedictory Award

The Valedictory Award is presented to that student who has achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership qualities, and has the ability to speak for both his class and school at commencement.

**Rohit Vakkalagadda**

## Salutatory Award

Presented to that student whose contribution to Bellarmine's graduating class has been visible and manifold. He has represented the life and spirit of the class through his Christian values and personal integrity.

**Colin Lakkaraju**

## Jesuit Secondary Education Award

Presented to that student who is well-rounded, intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God.

**Sebastian Salazar**

## Ignatius Loyola Award

Named for the 16th century founder of the Society of Jesus and presented to that student who has internalized his Christian faith significantly and given overwhelming evidence of his relationship with God.

**Chase Gavin**

## Pedro Arrupe Service Award

Presented to that student who has worked generously and effectively to translate into action our school's commitment to the creation of a society more Godly and just, both locally and globally.

**Abdullah Anwar**

## Rob Suarez Memorial Award

Honoring that student who raised our spirits when we have needed it most, bringing hope in the midst of daily struggles. This student represents the often unnoticed acts of compassion in our community.

**Nicolas Ciechanowski**

## Bellarmino Spirit Award

The Bellarmine Spirit Award is presented to that student who embraces our school's philosophy of vision, leadership and service within the broad spectrum of Bellarmine's co-curricular activities.

**James Tabula**

## Matteo Ricci Awards

Matteo Ricci was a 16th century Jesuit missionary who epitomized the Jesuit ideal of finding God in all things. Student honorees have contributed significantly to life in and out of the classroom.

**Patrick Boyd**

**Andrew Enriquez**

**Zane Hensley**

**Surya Krishnapillai**

**Charlie Noller**

**Tom Vosganian**

**Tristan Caliboso**

**Will Halapua**

**Austin Hu**

**Phillip Long**

**Tom Reilly**

**Daniel Yim**

Congratulations to the following members of the Bellarmine faculty and staff for their milestone years of service to our school:

### 10 Years

**Matt Haven**  
**Colin Mello**  
**Ron Miller**  
**Michael O'Shea**  
**Wade Tam '99**  
**Wilfredo Vargas**  
**Peng Yav**  
**Fr. Mario Prietto, S.J.**

### 15 Years

**Gregg Carlson '94**  
**Leslie Jan**  
**Jamon Osby '04**

### 20 Years

**Erin Crase**  
**Russ Marcel '91**  
**Jeremy Soulia**

### 25 Years

**Vern Cleary**  
**Bill Colucci '82**  
**Jerome Facione**  
**Mario Pedroza**  
**Diane Wyant**  
**Matt Young '88**

### 35 Years

**Jose Ramirez**

### 40 Years

**Sonia Torna**

### 50 Years

**Bill Healy**

We are also grateful to the members of the faculty and staff whose service to Bellarmine concluded during academic year 2023-24, including: Nancy Aguirre, Kim Bathker, Cristen Giangarra, Laurel Galli, Bill Healy, Lauren Madison, Kevin Miller, nS.J., Ann Roemer, Denise Trebaol, Bernadette Troyan, Cathy Vivian, An Vu, S.J., Terry Yu, Urszula Zabinski (who will teach parttime next year), and alumni volunteers Kevin Schmidek '19 (who will return next year as admissions associate) and Wilson Skjerven '18.

*The end of academic year 2023-24 brings with it the conclusion of service to Bellarmine by several faculty and staff members who have decided that the time is right for their respective well-deserved retirement. We are grateful for the dedication of Laurel Galli, Bill Healy, Ann Roemer, Denise Trebaol, Bernadette Troyan, Cathy Vivian, and Urszula Zabinski (who will teach part-time next year) for the positive impact they have had on our students and on the entire Bellarmine community. The following are reflections shared by several of those faculty and staff members about their time at the school and what the future holds for each of them. These recollections are followed by those shared by Bill Healy at a May 21 gathering recognizing our retirees, as he reflected on his extraordinary 50 years at Bellarmine.*

#### What is your fondest memory of your years at Bellarmine?



LAUREL GALLI

LAUREL GALLI: Too many great memories to choose just one! Among my favorite memories are my last KAIROS #165 with both students and staff. Kairos is always a meaningful and special time, and this one was particularly memorable. Equal to this among fond memories was the excitement of writing and developing and being in the opening for the 2013 Mothers' Guild Fashion Show, "Enroute," together with Diane Seadler. It was a kick!

ANN ROEMER: As I walk away from 14 years at Bellarmine, it is a good time to reflect. My fondest memories are the relationships I built with colleagues and students, all those precious Kairos retreats, and the joy of discovery on student's faces as they figured out a concept, had a successful rocket launch or Rube Goldberg machine run after many attempts. It is always the process and the journey that brings joy to my heart.

DENISE TREBAOL: I have many, many fond memories, but a significant one was sharing/working at the Reception Office with Mary Lanier for 10 wonderful years together and I am so grateful to Tom Gorndt {former CFO} for hiring me to make this possible.

CATHY VIVIAN: Being with students while Dave Dutton guided us through how to view an eclipse safely!



### What will you miss most about Bellarmine?

LAUREL GALLI: The people – the students I have had the opportunity to get to know, and the faculty and staff. We have a special kind of care for one another that I've always felt blessed to be part of.



ANN ROEMER

ANN ROEMER: When I started, I was surrounded by curious colleagues who called me to stretch my teaching skills, go out of my comfort zone, and find God in all things. I learned and enjoyed that so much! I will miss those interactions and watching the students grow intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

DENISE TREBAOL: I will miss our loving/supportive Jesuit Community, faculty/staff colleagues, and students that I would see every day, and for being the “Voice of Bellarmine,” as Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J., would say.

CATHY VIVIAN: Learning and growing in my field of expertise and mentoring my team.

### What do you most look forward to in your retirement?

LAUREL GALLI: I look forward to traveling to visit family and friends I have not seen in a long time. And of course, not secondary, is spending as much time with my grandchildren as possible!

ANN ROEMER: I am hoping to conquer new frontiers and accompany diverse people in their spiritual journeys through programs like Ignatian Spirituality Project or Recovery Café in my retirement. I may keep a small hand in teaching by helping struggling students. I am looking forward to what God has planned for me!

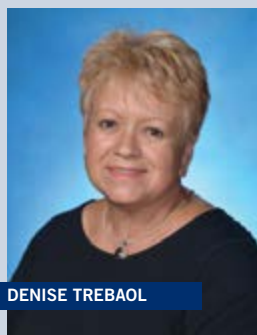
DENISE TREBAOL: I look forward to spending more time with my grand puppy, Murphy, doing lots of gardening, and getting some steps in.

CATHY VIVIAN: Enjoying time with my family and traveling to Colorado and Tennessee often to visit my kids.

### Do you have a personal philosophy by which you live your life and/or by which you have served the Bellarmine community?

LAUREL GALLI: My favorite is "Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words." --St. Francis of Assisi. I think most of us try to give it our best shot.

ANN ROEMER: I have learned through great opportunities like the Spiritual Exercises, (I recommend them to all!) how to live deep in Ignatian Spirituality. I am always learning and practicing: listening to God through my core, others, the environment, and prayer keeps my ego (Edging God Out) from derailing God's plan for me and others. It also brings me great consolation in rewarding and troubled times.



DENISE TREBAOL

DENISE TREBAOL: To be kind, friendly, and helpful to everyone I talk to on the phone or meet in person.

CATHY VIVIAN: Believe in your values; be the best person you can be.

### What are your hopes for Bellarmine in the years ahead?

LAUREL GALLI: I wish for my colleagues, every blessing in the future, and for Bellarmine as an institution, may we rise to meet the necessary adjustments in a changing world, without losing sight of what we do and why we are here.

ANN ROEMER: My hope for Bellarmine is that the Jesuit Spirit guides our future and that we build on the legacy of sending young men forward to be contemplatives in action. Go Bells!

DENISE TREBAOL: I hope Bellarmine will always have a strong/ healthy Ignatian identity because that is the life/core of the school which makes us so special. Hopefully Bellarmine can always offer financial aid to all families who need tuition assistance, and that it will continue and always be an all-boys Catholic Jesuit High School!



CATHY VIVIAN

CATHY VIVIAN: As Warren Buffet states, “In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy ...”

## Bill Healy Reflects on 50 Years at Bellarmine

*The following are remarks delivered by Bill Healy at a May 21 gathering in tribute to this year's retirees. Bellarmine will recognize Mr. Healy's 50 years of service to the school by dedicating a room in his honor in the new Wade Academic Center.*

First of all, many thanks to Rod {Jemison} and Chris {Meyercord '88} for putting together this gathering today. Since this is my last opportunity to do so, I wanted to take a few moments to share some memories and reflections. Chris said I could talk as long as I want, but I promise not to go through each of my 50 years individually.

Way back in 1986, Ferris Bueller observed that "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." And over this past year I have been taking more time to stop and look around.

One thing that age can bestow on a person, in addition to aches and pains, is a sense of perspective. A view of the big picture. My life has been filled with so many unexpected, yet appropriate and wonderful twists and turns leading to outcomes I could never have planned for myself.

Fifty years ago, Bob Mathewson, S.J., then Bellarmine principal, while visiting his family in Southern California, sought me out (as someone he knew from the parish) and offered me a job at Bellarmine,



(in what is currently Leslie Jan's classroom), the Jesuit community warmly welcomed me and often invited me to dinner at the Jesuit residence. And many of my colleagues were an inspiration to me, providing a model for who I wanted to become as a teacher. In particular, Jim Harville '63, who taught me so much about being a teacher, a coach, and a human being.

a school I had never heard of. Once here, away from home and living in the O'Donnell student dormitory

And so here I am, 50 years later. To give you a sense of perspective, of all the things that were present on this campus when I arrived in 1974, only four are still standing. Berchmans and O'Donnell Halls, Liccardo Center, and me (and that is with the benefit of two titanium knee joints).

This community has shared both the joys and sorrows of my life for the past 50 years. I have been blessed to see a number of my former students become colleagues, including nine current faculty members, and to have taught the sons and nephews of many of my former students as well. Members of this community were at my wedding reception in Liccardo, taught my children, supported my family through my late wife Nancy's illness and death, guided me through my 19th annotation retreat, and encouraged my growth both





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as a professional and as a person.

Talking to my children when they were young, I recall never telling them I was going to work; I told them I was going to school. And that says a lot, I think, about how I feel about what I do and about this place.

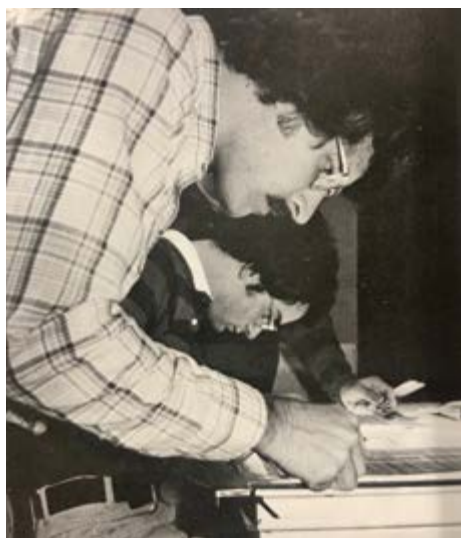
A brief story -- last October I was called for jury duty and was assigned to the jury pool in a civil case. The first thing the judge does in these situations is to introduce all of the players in the case and to ask if anyone in the jury pool knows any of these people. I looked and then I looked some more at the lawyers for the two parties in the case, and after a while I raised my hand, telling the judge that I thought that at least one of the lawyers was a former student of mine. It turns out that they both were. The immediate upside was that the judge and both lawyers all agreed that I should be dismissed from jury duty and could go back to teaching my classes. But later in the afternoon I received multiple emails from Ed Kraus '85 and Tom Skinner '05, reminding me of specific moments they had experienced in my classes, and expressing their appreciation for those moments;

mentioning that they had both also been my TA's; and indicating that I had written college rec letters for them. Those emails reminded me, after all these years, of the impact that each of us has had and continues to have on the lives of so many.

I won't miss AT ALL the grading of essays (I estimate that I have graded over 40,000 of them over the course of my career). However, I definitely will miss the conversations and connections I have been blessed to have over the years with students and colleagues in the classroom, through speech and debate, on retreats, and as part of this community. I very much will miss the teaching of literature and those special moments of connection and understanding that can occur in the classroom. And I will be forever grateful for having found what I was meant to do and for being able to do it at this place with all of you and with those who came before.

Finally, Bellarmine can either simply be a place where you work, which is fine, or it can be something that you are a part of. I have tried, during my years here, to choose the latter and to quote Fr. Pedro Arrupe, "it has made all the difference."

God Bless, and Go Bells.





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**SPEECH & DEBATE PLAZA**

**JAMES A. HARVILLE '63** was a legendary Bellarmine College Preparatory English teacher and Speech and Debate coach. He was inducted into the Bellarmine Alumni Hall of Fame in 2019 in recognition of his remarkable work both in and out of the classroom. Jim was an inspired and inspiring teacher, whose career spanned 45 years. During his 32 years as Head Speech and Debate Coach, Bellarmine won 31 State Championships and the National Team Championship in 1994. Generations of Bells will continue the tradition at the James A. Harville '63 Speech & Debate Hub within Wade Academic Center.



**CENTER FOR ADULT SPIRITUALITY**

**FR. DICK COBB, S.J.** has been a member of the Society of Jesus for seven decades and has had several assignments at Bellarmine, the first of which goes back to 1957 as an English teacher and then, throughout the years, also in the areas of Admissions and Adult Spirituality. Throughout Fr. Cobb's more than 70 years of ministry, he has been present for and with countless individuals - students and adults - whose lives are better because of his care, compassion, and counseling. Given his years of service, and his close friendship to Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. '55, it is appropriate that such ministry will continue in the **Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J. Center for Adult Spirituality** in the new Wade Academic Center.

**Bellarmino's Capital Campaign: Legacy, Inspiration, Innovation** has now entered the public phase of fundraising. This significant \$50 million campaign includes the newly completed Jesuit residence, the 44,000 square feet, 21-classroom *Wade Academic Center* (scheduled to open for fall of 2025), and funding for the Endowment.

Among the major features of Wade Academic Center are the *James A. Harville '63 Speech and Debate Hub*, the *Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J. Center for Adult Spirituality*, a new IT Center, Deans' Office, and the Modern and Classic Languages Department.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Wade Academic Center occurred on January 27. The event was

attended by early donors to the campaign who were on hand to greet Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. '55, former chancellor of Bellarmine; as well as Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J., honorary chairman of the Campaign. Also participating in the ceremony were Jon Harvey, chair, Physical Resources Committee; Rod Jemison, principal; Chris Meyercord '88, president; and Andy Schatzman, immediate past chair, Board of Trustees.

During the event, Mr. Meyercord thanked donors who have contributed greatly to date. "None of this would be possible without the incredible generosity that has been shown by you all here today," he said. "You have been our early supporters, and your generous financial contributions have enabled us to get started on this wonderful transformation for our campus.

## Groundbreaking

January 27, 2024





We truly would not be here without your support, and I hope you will take great pride in knowing that you have made possible this important step forward for our community.”

Berchmans Hall has been relocated from Elm Street to its new location facing Hedding Street. When renovation is complete, the historic building will be home to the Office of Admissions and a new Welcome Center, part of what will be an improved entrance to campus ready for fall 2025.

A topping off ceremony was held June 25 with several participants signing the final steel beam that was installed to complete the framing of Wade Academic Center. The first signature was that of Fr. Wade, who also signed on behalf of his parents, Walter and Clara Wade.



Your support of the Capital Campaign is needed, and naming opportunities are available for donors who make a gift at corresponding levels. Details are available at: [bcp.org/capitalcampaign](https://bcp.org/capitalcampaign) or by scanning the code above.

For additional information, you may contact **Pat Arnold '84**, Director of Development, at 408.537.9226 or via email at: [parnold@bcp.org](mailto:parnold@bcp.org).



## Topping Off Ceremony

June 25, 2024



## 48th Golden Bell Auction



Bellarmino College Prep held its 48th Golden Bell Auction on campus the evening of March 9, with 400 guests in attendance. The annual event benefits the school's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund, providing support for 25 percent of Bellarmine's students.

Prior to the start of the Golden Bell, Mass was held in the Leontyne Chapel with Fr. Mario Prietto S.J., superior of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community, presiding. A VIP reception was held for sponsors of the event in the Samuel A. Liccardo Campus Center, while guests enjoyed a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception in the Hall of Honor and foyer of the Patrick Wayne Valley Memorial Gymnasium, the same venue in which the program and dinner took place.

The meal was prepared by Bellarmine chef Jeremy Soulia and his crew, music was provided by The Speakeasies, and Mark Alman was the auctioneer during a high-energy live auction that featured unique items and experiences, including trips to Japan, England, and New York, where the winners will enjoy seeing alumnus Ryan Vasquez '10 perform in the Broadway production of *The Notebook*.



Among the many highlights of the evening was when student Noel Diaz '24 addressed the audience sharing a reflection about his time at Bellarmine and thanking everyone for their support of the school.

The 48th Golden Bell Auction was presented by the Office of Advancement, members of which are grateful for the stellar support of all the participants, sponsors, volunteers, and colleagues who ensured a wonderful event.

Save the date for the 49th Golden Bell Auction, scheduled for March 8, 2025.





## Distinguished Alumnus Speaks at Senior Networking Luncheon

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. D. Scott McKean '86 returned to campus as the keynote speaker at the 16th Annual Senior Networking Luncheon held March 19 in the Samuel A. Liccardo Center.

The event places Bellarmine alumni with senior students who have expressed an interest in pursuing similar careers. Nearly 100 alumni spanning seven decades, and 400 students attended this year's event.

Lt. Gen. McKean, a member of the Bellarmine Hall of Fame, last served as deputy commanding general for Army Futures Command and the director, Futures and Concepts Center. He previously served as the chief of staff for United States Central Command. He officially retired in early March 2024 after 33 years of service.

During his remarks, Lt. Gen. McKean encouraged students to follow their passion, "Whatever it is that you're pursuing, have passion for it," he said. He then credited Bellarmine for its role in providing a solid foundation for young men. "Developing men for others. That is a significant foundation that you will take with you." He also cited humility, leading by example, and trust as core principles of servant leadership. "A lifetime of service shouldn't scare you. It should motivate you," he said, and then he urged the students to "never compromise your integrity ... never compromise your honor."

The Senior Networking Luncheon was presented by the Office of Alumni Relations led by Steve Connolly '04, director of Alumni Relations, with support from members of the Office of Advancement and Bellarmine events staff.



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# Athletics Highlights *by Kevin Saldivar '04, CAA, Director of Athletics*

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Bellarmine distance runners have dominated the WCAL in the 21st century under head coach Patrick McCrystle, and they continued that trend in 2023-24. The varsity cross country squad captured their fifth straight WCAL title and the 30th in school history before racing to their 24th CCS Championship. The Bells were also the top CCS team at the CIF State Championship meet, capping off the Fall with a strong 12th place finish among the best teams in California.

## WATER POLO

This was a banner year for BCP Water Polo as the Bells found themselves once again at the top of the league podium. The varsity team claimed the WCAL Championship for the first time since 2015 after toppling six-time defending champion Sacred Heart Prep in a thrilling title game. The Bells reached the title game of the CCS playoffs as well, finishing as runners-up, then went onto make the semifinal round of the CIF NorCal Tournament.

## BASKETBALL

The extremely competitive WCAL slate prepared the BCP hoopers well for postseason play, and for the second straight year, the season culminated with a deep playoff run. The Bells qualified for the CCS Open Division bracket, which earned them a spot in the CIF NorCal Championship tournament. The squad earned hard-fought victories over both Montgomery High School and Bishop O'Dowd High School before falling to Oakland High School in the CIF semifinal round.

## WRESTLING

The 2023-24 season was one for the record books as our wrestling program took home the WCAL Championship for the first time in five years, claiming the top spot at the league meet after going undefeated in dual meets throughout the season. Longtime coach Scott Benson will step down as head of the program heading into next season, but he will remain on staff mentoring our novice wrestlers.

## GOLF

Bellarmine's golfers once again took on a tough slate of competition, including prestigious tournaments in Nevada and Palm Springs. This prepared the team well for postseason play, as the Bells claimed the WCAL Tournament championship, their 31st in school history, before going on to take third place at the CCS Tournament. This earned the Bells a spot at CIF NorCal Championships in Berkeley, where they finished 4th as a team. Senior Sebi Aliaga '24 took seventh place individually, qualifying him for the CIF State Championship!



## LACROSSE

The 2024 season was a tremendous learning experience for the varsity Lacrosse team under first-year head coach Patrick Sweeney, who brought a wealth of East Coast expertise to San Jose. The Bells earned the #7 seed in the CCS Division I bracket and fell to WCAL rival Sacred Heart Prep in the playoffs to close out the Spring.

## SWIM AND DIVE

The BCP swimmers lived up to their lofty reputations and expectations with another successful season that culminated in the school's 30th WCAL Championship. The Bells turned in a strong showing at the CCS meet to qualify for CIF State Championships, where sophomore Tyler Porter '26 finished as runner-up in the 50 freestyle, earning All-American honors.



## TENNIS

In a season marred by rain outs and reschedules, the varsity tennis team persevered and brought home the 40th league championship in school history after posting an unbeaten record in head-to-head

## College Signings

**Wade Mountz** Baseball, *University of Arkansas*  
**Tyler Roller** Water Polo, *UC Santa Barbara*  
**Paul Wheeler** Baseball, *UC Santa Barbara*  
**Brandon Kim** Baseball, *Macalester College*

**16 seniors made commitments to continue their athletic**

**Colin Pearce** Soccer, *Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*  
**Blake Wilson** Water Polo, *University of Redlands*  
**Razvan Alistar** Water Polo, *UC San Diego*  
**Phillip Long** Water Polo, *Johns Hopkins University*



*Congratulations to these students, their families, and coaches!*



matches. Bellarmine has now captured 19 of the last 22 WCAL tennis titles. The Bells were edged out by Saratoga High School, 4-3, to close out their season in the quarterfinals of CCSS Playoffs.

### TRACK AND FIELD

It was another historic year for the track and field program as they brought home Bellarmine's 15th straight WCAL Championship. Fueled by several great individual efforts, the Bells followed their league title with a 2nd place finish at CCS Championships, highlighted by a 1st place performance in the 4x400 meter relay. BCP also excelled in the triple jump, where seniors Kenneth Tucker and Colin Lakkaraju both placed in the top 3 to qualify for CIF State Championships.

### VOLLEYBALL

The BCP volleyball team's first season under head coach BJ Prudencio ended the season in historic fashion. The Bells made it all the way to the title match of the CCS Division I playoffs, and despite a heartbreaking five-set defeat to Leigh High School, they qualified for the CIF NorCal Championship in Division IV. The team proceeded to sweep through the competition to bring home the school's second CIF NorCal title.



## Bellarmino Golf Coach **Louie Agelson** Honored by Central Coast Section (CCS)

The Central Coast Section (CCS) has named Bellarmine College Prep golf coach Louie Agelson among its 2024 Spring Sports Honor Coach Award recipients.

Mr. Agelson's 27 years of coaching experience includes boys golf, basketball, and volleyball. His notable accomplishments include CIF NorCal Champions in 2005, 2015, 2016; CCS Champions in 2004, 2005, 2015, 2016, 2018; WCAL Champions in 20023, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023.

"Coach Agelson has been a valuable member of the Bellarmine community for close to 25 years and has not only been successful on the course but off the course as well," noted Kevin Saldivar '04, Bellarmine director of athletics. "He is a true 'teacher-coach' and embodies what educationally based athletics should be."

Mr. Saldivar also noted that "Coach Agelson focuses on care for the individual student athlete — challenging his intellectual, personal, athletic, and spiritual growth; and cultivating their commitment of service to others through the sport of golf."

and academic endeavors after graduation. The participants and their selected schools are as follows:

**Billy Ladd** Football, *Bentley University*  
**Bennett Anderson** Football, *Yale University*  
**Conor Tripp** Football, *Fresno State University*  
**Parker Threatt** Football, *San Diego State University*

**Ben Coulter** Football, *Puget Sound University*  
**Owen Pence** Lacrosse, *St. Lawrence University, NY*  
**Colin Lakkaraju** Track and Field, *Claremont McKenna College*  
**Andy Higgins** Baseball, *Washington State University*



*families, their teammates, and coaches. Go Bells!*

# CLASS NOTES

## 1960s

**John McCarthy '60** and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Salinas and celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on May 30. The couple has been blessed with eight grandchildren.

**Frank Bergon '61** was recently honored by the New York Times as his 2011 novel, *Jesse's Ghost*, was included on The Times' list of The Best Books about California. The list has Frank in the company of writers such as John Steinbeck, Joan Didion, Raymond Chandler, and Jack London.

## 1970s

**Jeff Paine '73** retired at the end of April from the restaurant business. He spent the past 35 years serving as owner of The Gold N Silver Inn in Reno, Nevada.

≈ **Peter Coe Verbica, JD, CFP '78** became a co-owner of Silicon Private Wealth as of January 2024. In addition to his role as a principal, he continues to serve as a managing director. Peter hosts the popular Verb Presents Speaker Series, which has featured the former deputy director of the NSA on cybersecurity, the former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine on geopolitical tensions, and many other CEOs, authors, and experts. Peter currently serves as the finance chair of the San Jose Symphony Foundation, a party county chair, and a state delegate.



## 1980s

**Dr. Paul Brundage D.O. '81** has been practicing gastroenterology in Cleveland, Tennessee, for the last 18 years. He joined Gastroenterology Associates of Cleveland following a long and successful career with the United States Army Medical Corps. Dr. Brundage's practice was recently awarded a substantial grant from the Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services and is the only gastroenterology practice in the region to accept Medicare and Medicaid, as well as low-income patients, embodying his four years at Bellarmine by "being a man for others."

≈ **Steven Pelayo '88** has rejoined the workforce as a managing director at the Blueshirt Group after 13 years abroad in Hong Kong and a mid-career break to re-assimilate back into the U.S. He manages the investor relations efforts for a group of publicly traded companies based either in the U.S. or Asia. His specialization is in semiconductors and semiconductor capital equipment, and other hardware-related TMT subsectors. He has been a frequent speaker at industry conferences and a recurring guest on financial news programs. Beyond work, he is married to his college sweetheart, Annie, and his twins, Ally and Austin, are graduating from Cal Poly SLO and Lafayette in 2024. Steve is working remotely from the Pacific Northwest, so let him know if there are any Bells around Seattle.



## 1990s

≈ **Richard Navarro '94** and his bride, Marife, were married in 2022. Richard proclaims, "It is true... you can find love when you're older!" His family now has two generations of Bellarmine alumni as his son, Richard, graduated in the Class of 2023.



≈ **Neil Malhotra '98** was selected as a 2024 Andrew Carnegie Fellow in support of his project studying the effects of social media on political polarization. Neil is the Edith M. Cornell Professor of Political Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he directs the Center for Social Innovation. He has published over 90 academic articles in leading political science journals such as the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, and the *Journal of Politics*, in addition to major general science journals such as *Science*, *Nature*, and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.







≈ **Rusty Zimmerman '98**, a 2022 Bellarmine Hall of Fame inductee, partnered with Industry City in Brooklyn during February and March to exhibit his second collection of the Free Portrait Project, which features 200 portraits and oral histories of residents of South Brooklyn that Rusty completed in 2023.

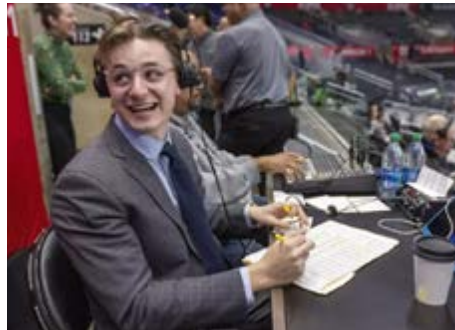
## 2000s

≈ **Adnan Iqbal '00** was honored in the Business & Innovation category by the 2024 British Council Study U.K. Alumni Awards. Adnan, a member of Bellarmine's Board of Regents, is co-founder and CEO of Luma Health, a technology company that works to connect patients with health care providers and improve ease of access to care. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and holds graduate degrees from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Institute of Biotechnology at the University of Cambridge.



## 2010s

≈ **Carlo Jiménez '19** recently completed his first season as the lead play-by-play announcer for the Los Angeles Clippers KLAC radio broadcasts. Carlo is a 2023 graduate of USC. As a senior he earned the Jim Nantz Award, which is given in recognition as the nation's most outstanding college sports broadcaster.



## 2020s

≈ **Fabian Lucero '20**, a 2024 NYU graduate, encountered filmmaker Spike Lee and actor Denzel Washington on the Brooklyn Bridge in May while they were on a break from filming High and Low. We are informed that Mr. Washington's daughter, Olivia, is an NYU grad, and Mr. Lee is an NYU graduate professor. They both spent several minutes chatting with Fabian about mutual interests.



≈ **Griffin Weiss '21** helped the University of Washington football team capture the 2023 Pac 12 Conference championship and reach the College Football Playoff National Championship game, competing in 14 games at tight end and special teams. Following the departure of Washington's coaching staff after the season, Griffin transferred to Stanford University and will play for the Cardinal as a junior in 2024.



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## *The Art of Saying Goodbye: Why You Should*

by Bill Colucci, Esq. '82 Director of Planned Giving

When it comes to the end of life, most of us would rather not dwell on the inevitable. However, there is an undeniable beauty and practicality in taking charge of our final farewells. Pre-planning your funeral is not just about making decisions regarding your departure; it is a compassionate way to ease the burden on your loved ones while ensuring your final wishes are respected.

While discussing one's own mortality may seem daunting, the process of pre-planning a funeral is fundamentally an act of foresight and compassion. It ensures that one's final wishes are executed with precision and reduces the logistical and emotional burdens on loved ones. This article aims to briefly discuss the benefits and options associated with funeral pre-planning, framing it as a strategic decision that warrants thoughtful consideration.

### **Ease Your Family's Burden**

Consider the scenario where a family, already grappling with loss, faces the additional stress of making urgent funeral arrangements. Imagine the peace of mind in knowing that your loved ones will not have to handle the logistics of your funeral while they are grieving. By pre-planning, you relieve them of numerous decisions during a stressful time, allowing them to focus on coming together and supporting each other rather than fretting over details and expenses.

### **Financial Benefits**

Funerals can be expensive, and their costs only seem to rise. Some pre-planning options allow you to pay for services at today's prices, sidestepping the inflation that could make the costs prohibitive in the future. Locking in current prices for services and burial options can shield one's family from future price increases. It's a financially savvy move that can save your family money when it is most needed.

### **Personalized Funeral Services**

Pre-planning offers the unique opportunity to design a funeral that truly reflects your preferences and life values. Here are several formats that you might consider:

*Traditional Funeral Services:* These services often involve a viewing or visitation, a structured funeral service, and a committal service at the gravesite. They serve as a formal farewell that can incorporate significant religious or cultural rituals.

*Memorial Services:* Opting for a memorial service allows for flexibility regarding when and where the service is held, which can be particularly valuable for families spread across wide geographical areas.

*Direct Disposition:* Direct burial or cremation are straightforward options that forgo public ceremonies. These choices might appeal to those who prefer simplicity or wish to minimize the public aspect of their farewell. They are

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## Consider Pre-Planning Your Funeral

simple, dignified, and often less costly.

***Celebration of Life:*** This less formal option focuses on celebrating your life through personal storytelling, music, and other expressive elements that resonate with the personality and passions of the deceased.

### **Burial and Beyond: Knowing Your Options**

Deciding on what happens to your remains is a significant choice. Some available options include:

***In-Ground Burial:*** This traditional choice involves selecting a cemetery plot, a casket, and potentially a monument or marker, offering a permanent memorial site for visitation.

***Mausoleums:*** An alternative for those preferring above-ground entombment, offering a serene environment for remembrance.

***Cremation:*** With its flexibility and cost-effectiveness, cremation allows for a range of choices in handling the remains, from scattering in a meaningful location to placement in an urn or columbarium or incorporation into memorial objects.

***Natural Burials:*** Emphasizing environmental sustainability, natural burials use biodegradable materials and avoid chemicals, preserving the earth while honoring the deceased.

***Anatomical Donation:*** A gift to science, this option supports medical research and education, with many programs handling cremation afterward at no cost.

### **Final Thoughts**

Pre-planning a funeral is a strategic and considerate approach to one's legacy. Taking charge of your final arrangements ensures that your legacy is celebrated just the way you would want. It is a thoughtful, practical gesture that guarantees your life is honored in a manner true to your values and spirit. For those left behind, a pre-planned funeral is a clear path through their grief, adorned with the comfort of knowing everything is just as you wished. So, consider taking this gentle step—not just for you, but for those you love. After all, a well-planned goodbye is a beautiful goodbye. It allows you to ensure that your final wishes are respected, provides emotional and financial relief to your loved ones, and offers a chance to personalize the final rites in a meaningful way. Funeral pre-planning is a critical component of comprehensive life planning, ensuring peace of mind and a dignified closure.

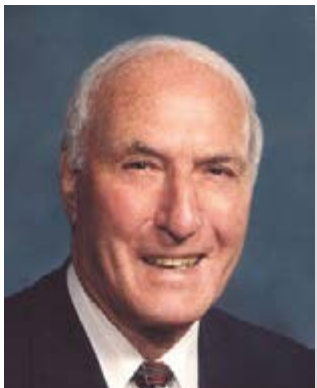
If, as part of your pre-planning, you are considering making a legacy gift to Bellarmine to help us in the work we do forming young men of competence, conscience, and compassion, please contact us any time.

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# *In Memoriam Tributes*

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**Frank Fiscalini (November 26, 1922 - December 8, 2023)**, a former Bellarmine faculty member, truly left his mark of goodness throughout the Santa Clara Valley. Among his many accomplishments, Frank was superintendent of the East Side Union High School District for nearly 25 years, was chief executive officer of Alexian Brothers Hospital for almost 10 years, was president of the board that helped launch the Children's Discovery Museum, was a leader in the renovation of St. Joseph Church Cathedral Basilica, and served on the boards of countless organizations, including Opera San Jose and History San Jose. Frank's career in politics included two terms as city councilman during the 1990s. In the December 9, 2023, edition of the San Jose Mercury News, California State Senator Dave Cortese '74 is quoted as having said, "It's hard to think of anybody who made it through the wind tunnel of politics and made it out with such honesty and integrity." Among Frank's surviving loved ones affiliated with Bellarmine are his son Gregg '73 and grandsons Andrew Sweat '03, Michael Hausle '06, and Marc Hausle '02.

**Timothy G. "Tim" Harper '64 (January 8, 2024)** had a passion for life. As noted in his obituary, Tim excelled in athletics, especially baseball, having played at Bellarmine under coach Bob Fatjo where he received numerous league and conference honors. He was a proud inductee of Bellarmine's Athletic Hall of Fame for individual and team accomplishments in baseball. After Bellarmine, he attended San Jose City College and Cal State Hayward, where he continued to achieve success on the baseball diamond. Tim's career in education included teaching at Joseph George Jr. Middle School in San Jose. While teaching, he pursued a master's degree in counseling at Santa Clara University, and he then became a Counselor at San Jose City College, where he remained for 27 years before becoming a consultant and then providing career assessments for court matters. He is survived by his wife, Michele, and beloved children, Hannah, Wesley '18, and Jack.



**Richard Joseph Pardini '63 (May 7, 1945 – December 11, 2023)** was known to his family and friends as "a charismatic man with a huge heart." Rich enjoyed many hobbies, including building race cars, surfing, hunting, wood working, and trips with family and friends to Disneyland. Rich was past president of the Bellarmine Alumni Council and was a recent member of the Bellarmine Board of Regents. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma. Following his graduation from Bellarmine, Rich went on to Santa Clara University where he earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree, then a master's degree in public service from the University of San Francisco. He worked for 20 years in the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and another 20 years for the San Jose Water Company, where he was Chief Engineer for twelve of those years. Among family he leaves behind are his brother, Daniel '66, his sister, Loretta, his children, Teresa, Jennifer, Matthew, and Rebecca, and his grandchildren, Koty, Faith, and Damon.

**Tracy "Trey" Pruitt '92 (April 16, 1974 – April 8, 2024)** is being remembered as a devoted husband, doting father, cherished son, mentor to many, corporate leader, sports lover, and golf enthusiast. After a valiant fight against cancer, Trey passed away just eight days shy of his 50th birthday. As noted by Bellarmine classmate J. Hilton '92, while at Bellarmine, "Trey significantly impacted BCP as a BSU member, ASB President, and Varsity Quarterback." He also was point-guard for the Bells basketball team and wrote for the student newspaper, The Cardinal, receiving an Art Rosenbaum Scholarship award for sports writing. After BCP, Trey went on to SCU and then Stanford, joining the football team as quarterback. He was a successful businessman and philanthropist, serving on the Board of Junior Achievement Southern California. His career includes leadership roles with such companies as Intel, The Boston Consulting Group, Visa, and Ares Management Corporation. Those he leaves behind include his wife, Monica; three sons, Elias, Caleb, and Jacob; and his parents, Ken and Jackie.





# In Memoriam

*The Bellarmine Community joins in prayerful remembrance of alumni, family, and friends who have died.*

## ALUMNI

**Alex Villegas '18** (June 14, 2024).

**Frank J. Cucuzza, Jr. '51** (May 30, 2024).  
*Father of Christopher '97.*

**Joseph J. Montanez '68** (May 15, 2024).  
*Father of Joseph H. '88.*

**John Bonacorsi '56** (May 13, 2024). *Father of Christopher '80; uncle of Nicholas '99 and Michael '70; grandfather of Alex Bozzo '07; father-in-law of Gus Bozo '80; brother-in-law of Sal Gargone '56.*

**Raymond A. Belinge '48** (May 5, 2024).

**John L. Boudett '61** (April 17, 2024).

**James Vasconcellos, Sr. '54** (April 11, 2024).  
*Father of James, Jr. '79.*

**Tracy "Trey" Pruitt '92** (April 8, 2024).

**Clyde Stout '49** (April 6, 2024).

**Michael Demeter '57** (March 18, 2024).  
*Father of John '94.*

**Leonard Enos '55** (March 15, 2024).

**Dr. Gerald DeNardo '50** (February 11, 2024). *Father of Gene '71; grandfather of Kyle Jensen '09 and Connor Menees '17.*

**Patrick T. Carroll '64** (January 29, 2024).

**John Anthony Nunes '75** (January 29, 2024).  
*Brother of Sam '78.*

**Donald Bolen '62** (January 27, 2024).

**Timothy G. "Tim" Harper '64** (January 8, 2024).  
*Father of Wesley '18.*

*"Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed from this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just, and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away."*

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Daniel E. Gisi '79** (January 2, 2024). *Brother of Douglas '77.*

**Richard Pardini '63** (December 2023). *Brother of Daniel '66. Past president of the Bellarmine Alumni Council; recent member of Bellarmine Board of Regents.*

**Nels K. "Kent" Ahnlund '57** (December 26, 2023).

**John Ettore Lauricella '53** (December 2023).

**Michael Bruce Okagaki '74** (December 18, 2023).

**Lawrence "Larry" Giacalone '61** (December 5, 2023). *Brother of Anthony '59.*

**Jeffrey Manchester '62** (October 15, 2023). *Brother of David '65, William '66, and the late Peter '60.*

**James Casey '66** (October 11, 2023). *Father of Kevin '00; brother of Thomas '63, Richard '64, and Joe '82; uncle of Jacob '02, Daniel '90, and of the late Michael Vosberg-Casey '92.*

**James T. Williams '45** (July 10, 2023).

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Joyce Marie D'Amico** (March 24, 2024).  
*Mother-in-law of Jacob Malae '92.*

**Lorraine D. Martin** (March 8, 2024). *Mother of Tim '85.*

**William E. "Bill" Flora** (February 21, 2024). *Father of John '82.*

**Theresa "Terry" Lucille Valehrach** (February 12, 2024). *Former executive assistant to the principal at Bellarmine.*

**Kyung S. Kim** (February 10, 2024). *Mother of Young W. Kim '93 and Young M. Kim '95.*

**Natasha "Tasha" Mulvihill** (January 14, 2024).  
*Wife of Michael "Sean" '88.*

**Christine "Kris" Rosendin** (January 14, 2024).  
*Daughter of Louis '49; sister of Michael '77.*

**Michael "Mickey" Adza** (January 12, 2024). *Father of Mike '73, John '74, and Tom '77.*

**Thomas Bommarito** (December 24, 2023). *Father of Michael '75 and Frank '77; grandfather of Kyle '03 and Kevin '09.*

**Valerie Facchino** (December 23, 2023). *Wife of Robert "Bob" '51; grandmother of Robert '17.*

**Frank Fiscalini** (December 8, 2023). *Father of Gregg '73; grandfather of Andrew Sweat '03, Michael Hausle '06, and Marc Hausle '02. Former Bellarmine faculty member.*

**Margaret Williams** (May 2, 2023). *Wife of the late James '45.*

NOTE: Listings are based on information known to us prior to publication deadlines.



# Event Calendar

## July 12

28th Annual Fr. Joseph Costa, S.J. '41  
Bocce Tournament  
Campo di Bocce, Los Gatos

## August 11

Bellarmino Mothers' Guild (BMG)  
Get Acquainted Party  
BCP Campus

## August 15

Classes Resume

## August 24

Bellarmino Alumni Hall of Fame  
Sobrato Center for Humanities  
and the Arts and Samuel A. Liccardo Center

## September 6

Chicago Alumni Chapter Happy Hour

## October 4

42nd Annual Alumni Tailgate  
San Jose City College

## October 5

Alumni Grand Reunion  
(Classes of '79, '84, '89,  
'94, '99, '04, '09, '14)  
BCP Campus

## October 13

BMG's Grandparents Day  
BCP Campus

## October 14

37th Annual Bellarmine Golf Classic  
Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, San Jose

## October 27

Admissions Open House  
BCP Campus

## November 13

Seattle Alumni Happy Hour

## November 16

70th Mothers' Guild Fashion Show  
for Tuition Assistance  
Signia by Hilton, San Jose

## November 21

Dads' Club Suds for Duds  
Samuel A. Liccardo Center

## November 30

Five Year Reunion (Class of 2018) and  
Young Alumni Social  
Hapa's Brewing Company, San Jose

## December 15

Dads' Club Father/Son Christmas Mass  
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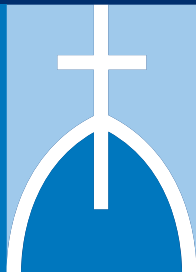


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